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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

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Listing of Claims:

- (Previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition for preventing or treating 1. peptic ulcer, comprising:
- an American ginseng extract in an amount effective for preventing or treating (i) peptic ulcer; and
 - a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier; (ii)

wherein said American ginseng extract consists essentially of a preparation obtained by a process consisting essentially of extraction with a solvent, centrifugation, and filtration through an ultrafiltration membrane with molecular weight cut off at least 1,000 to give a retentate, and concentration of the retentate; and the retentate consists essentially of compounds having molecular weights of between 1,000 and 10,000 dalton, and compounds having molecular weights of above 10,000 dalton.

- 2. (Cancelled).
- 3. (Original) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein said American ginseng extract is extracted with a solvent having a polarity higher than 0.88.
- (Withdrawn) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3, wherein said American ginseng extract is extracted with 10% - 80% ethanol aqueous solution.
- (Withdrawa) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 3, wherein said American ginseng extract is extracted with water.

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6. (Cancelled).

7. (Cancelled).

8. (Withdrawn) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 1, wherein said solvent is water or 10% ~ 80% ethanol aqueous solution, and said ultrafiltration membrane with molecular weight cut off at least 1,000 is a membrane with molecular weight cut off 3,000 to give a retentate containing substances with molecular weight greater than 3,000 dalton, and the retentate being concentrated to give the American ginseng extract.

- 9. (Cancelled).
- 10. (Cancelled).
- 11. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein said peptic ulcer is a gastric ulcer or duodenal ulcer.

12-22. (Cancelled).

- 23. (Previously presented) The pharmaceutical composition of claim 1, wherein said American ginseng extract is filtered through the ultrafiltration membrane with molecular weight cut off 3,000.
 - 24. (Cancelled).
 - 25. (Cancelled).

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(Currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim [[25]] 4, wherein 26. said American ginseng extract is filtered through the ultrafiltration membrane with molecular

weight cut off 3,000.

- 27. (Cancelled).
- (Currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim [[27]] 5, wherein 28. said American ginseng extract is filtered through the ultrafiltration membrane with molecular weight cut off 3,000.
- (Currently amended) The pharmaceutical composition of claim [[24]] 3, wherein 29. said American ginseng extract is filtered through the ultrafiltration membrane with molecular weight cut off 3,000.

30-37. (Cancelled).